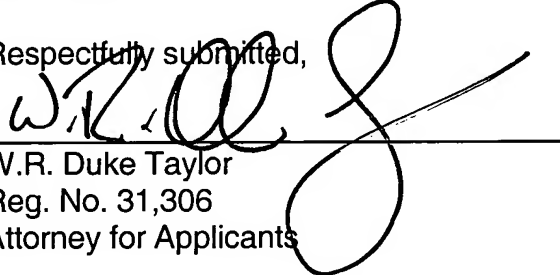


## REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 16-21 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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